(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what progress has been made in implementing the same; and

(c) whether any difficulties have cropped up in finding proper professionals for manning the service if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

Statement

In order to make the national and regional news bulletins more topical and visual oriented, Doordarshan has embarked on a scheme to strengthen the news set-up. At the Headquarters level a complement of senior news personnel has been sanctioned. The task of this set up at the Headquarters will be to plan and organise visual coverage of significant National and International events of news value besides organising topical programmes of current affairs in Hindi and English.

2. To bring about professionalisation of the news service, a seasoned news professional is now heading the Central News Room. As a further step to strengthen this set-up 57 new posts of TV News Correspondents, Assistant News Correspondents and Assistant News Editors have been sanctioned. It has been decided to attach separate camera crews to these Correspondents for filing visual stories to Central News Room. For speedy collection of visual material of important developments in far off and remote places, provision of jeeps and Helicopters is also envisaged.

3. It is also envisaged to re-organise the entire news set-up by providing adequate hardware infrastructure with dedicated equipment and office aids to bring it upto international standard.

Tenure system for executive of public sector enterprises

@2034. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce tenure system for the executives of Public Sector enterprises;

(b) if so, on what lines job rotation would be done; and

(c) what are the modalities evolved for ensuring rotation on the basis of performance only?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The present policy of the Government is to give a tenure of five years or till the age of superannuation to the Chief Executives and full-time Functional Directors in Central Public Enterprises. As regards executives holding below Board-level posts, no such tenure has been prescribed as they are governed by the rules and regulations framed by the respective organisation.

(b) There is no job rotation in the case of full-time Board level appointees in Central Public Enterprises.

(c) Does not arise.

Balance of Payments Position

@@2035. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has been incurring a deficit in its balance of payments position;

@Previously Unstarred Question 77 transferred from the 22nd July, 1987.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 285 transferred from the 28th July, 1987.

(b) if so, what was the position during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) whether the deficit is increasing during current year; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to contain this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) India has been incurring a deficit in the current account of her balance of payments. Current account deficit amounted to Rs. 2852.4 crores in 1984-85 and Rs. 5927.3 crores in 1985-86, the latest year for which full balance of payments data are available.

(c) and (d) In the current year there is likely to be pressure on balance of payments in view of factors, such as, the increase in oil prices. Government has undertaken a number of measures to contain the deficit in the current account of balance of payments within manageable levels by increasing exports and containing imports. The details of Government approach in this regards is contained in the Economic Survey for 1986-87.

Central projects behind schedule

*2036. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total cost of overruns as per the latest figures available of all the Central Projects which are behind schedule; and

(b) whether overall accountability and completion responsibility within original estimates, had been assigned to a definite competent authority/agency; if not why and if so, upon whom the accountability for the resulting huge losses has been fixed in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) According to data available on the Quarterly Monitoring System, the total cost overrun of delayed Central Sector projects, consisting more than Rs. 20 crores each, as on 31 March, 1987 with reference to original sanctioned cost is approximately Rs. 20024 crores.

(b) A number of agencies are involved in implementation of the projects. The basic responsibility for completing the project within original estimates-time schedule is that of the Administrative Ministry and the Project Implementation Agency under the Ministry.

L.I.C. scheme for landless labourers

**2037. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for a Life Insurance Scheme for the landless labourers; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the steps being taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Following the announcement by the Prime Minister on 16th May, 1987 Life Insurance Corporation of India have submitted board outlines of the Scheme under which insurance cover will be made available to all landless agricultural labourers all over the country. This scheme has been approved by Government and suitable instructions have been issued to Life Insurance Corporation of India to start

*Previously Unstarred Question 880 transferred from the 3rd August, 1987.

**Previously Unstarred Question 1121 transferred from the 4th August, 1987.